

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the present amendment and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

By the present amendment, claims 17 and 18 have been amended and new claim 19 has been added. Claims 1-10, 13, 14, and 16-19 are pending in the application. Claims 1-10, 13, 14, and 16 are allowed.

In the Office Action, claim 18 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Fink (US 6,029,995). Claim 18 has been amended to recite that the crimped portion of the retainer is crimped against the initiator. In Fink, the crimped portion is crimped against the support 82, which is separate from the initiator 80 (see Figs. 1 and 4). Therefore, the rejection should be withdrawn and claim 18 should be allowed.

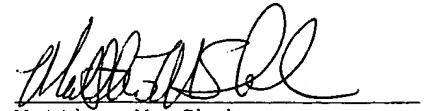
Claim 17 has been amended to recite that the support has a portion that engages and deforms a deformable covering of the initiator to help form a fluid-tight seal. This is not taught or suggested in the prior art cited in the Office Action.

New claim 19 depends from claim 16 and is therefore allowable as depending from an allowable claim and for the features recited therein.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the above-identified patent application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the above-identified patent application is respectfully requested.

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